share released during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (scheme-wise and state-wise) are given in the Annexure *(See Appendix 181 Annexure No. 28)* Unspent balance, if any, is allowed to be carried over for the next financial year and are not returned by the States to the Central Government.

Funds for Development of Rural Roads

863. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided for development of rural roads;

(b) whether adequate funds have been denied for rural roads; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to increase funds for rural roads?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) Construction of Rural Roads is a State subject and funds for this purpose are provided in the Annual Plan of State Governments, and approved by the Planning Commission. The 8th Plan outlay approved for rural roads under the Minimum Needs Programme is Rs. 3066.10 crore. Anticipated expenditure is about 87.4% of the outlay. The outlay for 9th Plan has not yet been finalised.

Watershed Programme in Andhra Pradesh

864. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the. Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds earmarked for Watershed Programme in Andhra Pradesh during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) whether utilisation certificates have been received by Government;

(c) whether there is .any proposal to increase allocation for Watershed Programme in Andhra Pradesh during 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the quantum thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) In Andhra Pradesh Watershed Programme is being taken up under the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Integrated Waste Lands Development Project (IWDP) Scheme and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). The funds ear-marked for these programmes during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Progra-mme	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
DPAP	1380.00	2635.00	2755.00
DDP	—	540.00	540.00
EAS	5195.00	7275.00	10550.00
1WDP*	661.99	747.16	976.28

"Under IWDP funds are not earmarked but funds are released on project to project basis. Hence figures reported here are funds released.

(b) Utilisation Certificates from most of the districts have been received.

(c) and (d) A proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for funds for an additional 500 Watershed Projects at a cost of about Rs.2518.75 lakhs during 1997-98 under DPAP & DDP. Under IWDP, no allocation of funds is made as projects are sanctioned on project to project basis. Similarly under EAS there is no fixed allocation for States/Districts as scheme is demand driven. As such the question of any proposal to increase allocation for